

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

The first commencement exercises of the Tennessee State Normal College have just been held.

The total amount of the public school fund ready for apportionment in Indiana is \$1,970,820 10.

Columbia College has a library of 18,185 volumes. The students do not appear to use it very much; more than half do not use it at all.

Prof. Quincy and Mr. H. M. Paul of '73, now in the signal service at Washington, are mentioned as possible successors to Prof. Young at Dartmouth. It is proposed to make Chapel exercise voluntary next year.

The American Institute of Instruction will be held this year at Montpelier, Vt., on July 10, 11, and 12. There is to be an address on "The Rights and the Duties of the State in Relation to Education," by Judge Aldrich of the Superior Court of Massachusetts. "The Rights of the Taught" will be discussed by Prof. W. M. Barbour, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary. Prof. Ruggles of Dartmouth College will read a paper on "The Place of History in Education." Methods of Teaching It."

There are many suggestive paragraphs in the last number of *The National Teachers' Monthly*. One of these demands normal schools for college professors and principals of high schools, and states: "It does not follow, by any means, that because a man knows the Greek verb, he should know how to teach the Greek verb; nor is it always true that a learned ecologist can instruct others in that science. Do our best schools make our best textbooks? Our most learned treatises the best for school-room work! Being a profound thinker, and ten times others how to think profoundly, are two entirely different things!" Another paragraph aptly says: "We know by long experience, that it is better for the school-girl who has received no instruction, except from another girl as undiscerned as she, is willing to teach for a pittance, many excellent normal graduates are compelled to abandon the profession for which they have prepared themselves, or submit to poverty prices. Educated teachers are driven away from the schoolroom, because the people do not discriminate between a good and a poor school, and are willing to take almost any one who holds a committee's certificate, and is willing to teach for the small amount the district votes to pay. There is not one among our honest professional teachers who does not feel degraded because so many are admitted by the law to be their peers who know nothing of the science and art of education, and never intend to teach but for a few months. There is not a school officer in the Union, especially in the country, who will not express his great desire to increase the price, and thereby the quantity and permanency, of schoolroom work."

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